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RE:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/630,569;

Entitled: "BEVERAGE AND ADDITIVE FOR INFLAMED TISSUE";

Inventors: Kenneth A. Martin and Teresa Leigh Barr.

Sirs:

Enclosed for filing in the above-mentioned application is:

(1) An Information Disclosure Statement;

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- (2) A Form PTO-1449 listing references A1-A11; and
- (3) A postcard. Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard to evidence receipt of these materials.

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Sir:

- I. Applicants hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement and enclose a Form PTO-1449 listing references A1-A11 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of each listed reference are not enclosed. This application is a Continuation In Part of prior co-pending application 10/241,542. The listed references were previously submitted or cited by the Examiner in the related prior co-pending application Serial No. 10/241,542.
- II. Applicants hereby request the Examiner to consider the cited references. As required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), the following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each reference, as they are presently understood:

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REFERENCE NO. A1 (US 3,686,406): "This invention relates to 2-(2-methylanilino)-nicotinic acid, the non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and to the methods for the preparation and use thereof."

REFERENCE NO. A2 (US 4,616,039): "Methylsulfonylmethane is effective in maintaining good health and in improving poor health of animals, including human beings and is an assimilable source of dietetic sulfur."

REFERENCE NO. A3 (US 4,621,137): "The present invention relates to food products containing a novel alpha-glycosyl ginsenoside wherein one or more alpha-glucosyl moieties are bound to ginsenoside residue, and a process for producing the food products. Such alpha-glycosyl ginsenoside is obtainable by subjecting an aqueous solution of ginsenoside and an alpha-glucosyl saccharide to an alpha-glucosyl transferase."

REFERENCE NO. A4 (US 5,827,834): "A method of treating anorectal disease is provided which comprises applying to anorectal tissue in need of such treatment an effective amount of a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and hyaluronic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in an amount8 of up to about 10% by weight."

REFERENCE NO. A5 (US 5,852,002): "A combination for administration to a mammal which combination employs a therapeutically effective amount of a medicinal and/or therapeutic agent to treat a disease or condition and an amount of hyaluronic acid and/or salts thereof and/or homologues, analogues, derivatives, complexes, esters, fragments and subunits of hyaluronic acid sufficient to facilitate the agent's penetration through the tissue (including scar tissue) at the site to be treated, through the cell membranes into the individual cells to be treated."

REFERENCE NO. A6 (US 5,916,565): "A composition and method of use is disclosed that, when administered to an animal, is capable of arresting the inflammatory response in affected tissues and facilitates the repair and maintenance of damaged tissues in the joints of vertebrates. The combination of natural physiological metabolites and herbal phytochemicals is used to treat connective tissue diseases, the composition is preferably orally administered. One embodiment of the composition includes chondroitin sulfate and glucosamine that, when ingested by a vertebrate, suppresses the degradation of connective tissue by an autoimmune response. A composition of the present invention includes a palatability agent, an herbal phytochemical, and a metabolic precursor that act to increase blood circulation, thereby enhancing transport of the

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phytochemical and metabolic precursors to an affected site whereby deleterious inflammatory byproducts are removed."

REFERENCE NO. A7 (US 5,929,048): "A combination for administration to a mammal which combination employs a therapeutically effective amount of a medicinal and/or therapeutic agent to treat a disease or condition and an amount of hyaluronic acid and/or salts thereof and/or homologues, analogues, derivatives, complexes, esters, fragments and subunits of hyaluronic acid sufficient to facilitate the agent's penetration through the tissue (including scar tissue) at the site to be treated, through the cell membranes into the individual cells to be treated."

REFERENCE NO. A8 (US 5,932,560): "A combination for administration to a mammal which combination employs a therapeutically effective amount of a medicinal and/or therapeutic agent to treat a disease or condition and an amount of hyaluronic acid and/or salts thereof and/or homologues, analogues, derivatives, complexes, esters, fragments and subunits of hyaluronic acid sufficient to facilitate the agent's penetration through the tissue (including scar tissue) at the site to be treated, through the cell membranes into the individual cells to be treated."

REFERENCE NO. A9 (US 6,194,392): "A combination for administration to a mammal which combination employs a therapeutically effective amount of a medicinal and/or therapeutic agent to treat a disease or condition and an amount of hyaluronic acid and/or salts thereof and/or homologues, analogues, derivatives, complexes, esters, fragments and subunits of hyaluronic acid sufficient to facilitate the agent's penetration through the tissue (including scar tissue) at the site to be treated, through the cell membranes into the individual cells to be treated."

REFERENCE NO. A10 (US 6,358,526): "The present invention provides a method of making tablet compositions that are substantially free of excipients. The method includes forming a compactable granular mixture containing at least one compaction enhancing therapeutic compound, at least one other therapeutic compound that is different form the compaction enhancing therapeutic compound, and less than about 15 weight percent of a non-aesthetic excipient. The compactable granular mixture thus obtained is compressed to form a tablet composition. The present invention also provides tablet compositions produced by the methods of the present invention that are substantially free of excipients."

REFERENCE NO. A11 (US 6,399,093): "A method and composition for the treatment of musculoskeletal disorders in mammals by the application of a topical composition comprising a permeation enhancing amount of one or more penetration enhancers, and one or more bioaffecting agents to provide anti-inflammatory relief and analgesia to the applied body part."

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